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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN HEADQUARTERS

JULY 27, 1977

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1. SUMMARY: AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN HEADQUARTERS
JULY 27, NORTH KOREA'S CHARGE KIM ATTACKED PROPOSALS FOR
CROSS-RECOGNITION OF TWO KOREAS AND FOR THEIR ADMISSION
TO UN. HE DESCRIBED THIS AS PART OF "PLOT" TO FREEZE
EXISTING DIVISION OF KOREA. WHEN ASKED IF NORTH KOREA'S
FRIENDS WOULD INSCRIBE PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM ON PROVISIONAL
AGENDA FOR 32ND UNGA, KIM REPLIED ALONG LINE THAT THE
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FUTURE MAY HOLD THE ANSWER. END SUMMARY.

2. NORTH KOREA'S ACTING PERMANENT OBSERVER TO UN
MINISTER KIM HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN HEADQUARTERS
JULY 27 AND AFTERWARD CIRCULATED PRESS RELEASE. BOTH
PRESS CONFERENCE AND HIGHLY POLEMICAL PRESS-RELEASE
WHICH QUOTED "RODONG SINMUN" ARTICLE ENTITLED "ARGUMENT

ABOUT CROSS-RECOGNITION IS A PRODUCT OF CRIMINAL "TWO KOREAS' PLOT" ATTACKED PROPOSAL FOR CROSS-RECOGNITION OF TWO KOREAS AND ENTRY OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA INTO U.N. KIM SAID ALL THIS WAS PART OF "PLOT" TO FREEZE EXISTING DIVISION OF KOREA IN WHICH "ONLY U.S., JAPAN, AND PRESIDENT PARK ARE INTERESTED."

3. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, AP CORRESPONDENT OATIS ASKED IF NORTH KOREA'S FRIENDS WOULD INSCRIBE PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 32ND UNGA. KIM, THROUGH INTERPRETER REPLIED ALONG FOLLOWING LINE: "I THINK YOU MAY KNOW IN FUTURE CONCERNING DEBATE OF THE KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA. I THINK THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF DAYS BEFORE IT."

4. COMMENT: IN HIS JUNE 29, 1977 ADDRESS BEFORE THE ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK CITY, SECRETARY VANCE EXPRESSED OUR READINESS TO MOVE TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA, PROVIDED NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA. ADDITIONALLY THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ENTRY OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA INTO THE U.N. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ULTIMATE REUNIFICATION.

5. AS TO NORTH KOREA'S INTENTIONS REGARDING 32ND UNGA, KIM'S REPLY SEEMED "EVASIVE" TO OATIS. ADDITIONALLY IN CONNECTION WITH NORTH KOREA'S INTENTIONS, DIRECTOR GAZARIAN OF UN SECRETARIAT'S DIVISION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, HAS TOLD US THAT, IN CONTRAST TO 1976 WHEN NORTH KOREANS WERE ON HIS DOORSTEP ALMOST DAILY TO INQUIRE WHETHER PRO-SOUTH KOREAN ITEM WAS BEING INSCRIBED ON UNGA AGENDA, HE HAS NOT HAD A SINGLE INQUIRY FROM NORTH KOREANS IN 1977. THUS GAZARIAN SO FAR HAS NOT SENSED ANY ACTIVITY RELATED TO A PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM AND RESOLUTION. CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ARE CONTINUING ALERT FOR FURTHER INDICATIONS OF INTENTIONS OF NORTH KOREANS AND ITS SUPPORTERS.

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